

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures.

The House passed H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act; H.R. 3671, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvements Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2145–S2267*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2357–2367, and S. Res. 281–282. **Page S2233**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report of the Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States on the 2000 Economic Report of the President. (S. Rept. No. 106–255) **Page S2233**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, to congratulate the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship. **Pages S2156–57**

*Congratulating University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, congratulating the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2000 Women's Basketball Championship. **Pages S2157–59, S2264**

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2145–56, S2159–S2227, S2264–67**

Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 53), Hutchison/Ashcroft Amendment No. 2914, to express the sense of the Senate to provide for relief from the marriage penalty tax. **Pages S2145–56**

Domenici (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2928, to provide funding for certain health care programs for military retirees and their dependents. **Pages S2178–79**

Domenici (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2929 (to Amendment No. 2928), to limit the amount of the reserve fund for military retiree health care. **Page S2179**

Rejected:

Bingaman Amendment No. 2926, to provide funding for certain education programs. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2159–78, S2195–96**

Conrad Amendment No. 2935 (to Amendment No. 2906), to increase the amount of debt reduction contained in the resolution by \$75 billion over 5 years. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2190–95, S2196**

Pending:

Stevens Amendment No. 2931, to strike certain provisions relating to emergency designation spending point of order.

Stevens Amendment No. 2932, to strike certain provisions relating to Congressional firewall for defense and non-defense spending.

Byrd/Warner Amendment No. 2943, to express the sense of the Senate on the continued use of Federal fuel taxes for the construction and rehabilitation of our nation's highways, bridges, and transit systems. **Pages S2197–S2206**

Roth Amendment No. 2955, to strike the revenue assumption for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) receipts in fiscal year 2005. **Pages S2206–22**

Robb Amendment No. 2965, to reduce revenue cuts by \$5.9 billion over the next five years to help fund school modernization projects. **Pages S2222–27**

Durbin Amendment No. 2953, to provide for debt reduction and to protect the Social Security Trust Fund. **Pages S2264–67**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Robb Amendment No. 2915 (to Amendment No. 2914), to condition Senate consideration of any tax cut reconciliation legislation on previous enactment of legislation to provide an outpatient prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program that is consistent with Medicare reform. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2145–55**

By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 56), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Allard/Enzi/Grams Amendment No. 2906, to protect social security and provide for repayment of the Federal debt. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the provisions of the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2179–90, S2196–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Thursday, April 6, 2000, and there be 8 hours and 30 minutes remaining on the resolution, with votes to occur on the pending Byrd/Warner Amendment No. 2943 (listed above), and the pending Roth Amendment No. 2955 (listed above), beginning at 10:30 a.m. **Pages S2225, S2264**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the Department of Transportation's Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–99) **Page S2232**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico vice Raymond L. Acosta, retired. **Page S2267**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S2231–32**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2230–31**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2264**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—56) **Pages S2155–56, S2196–97**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 10:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2264.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary, and John D. Trezise, Director, Office of Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1705 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho;

S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, with an amendment;